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SUBJ: INSPECTION REPORT COMPLIANCE

REFS: (A) STATE 214433; (B) BELGRADE 5847

COMPLIANCE REPORT FOLLOWS:

3.3-2: A POLITICAL OFFICER HAS HAD REPORTING ON ALBANIA INCLUDED IN HIS DUTIES AND TRAVEL COVERAGE OF THE KOSOVO AREA ADJOINING ALBANIA IS BEING INCREASED.

3.3-3: JOB DESCRIPTION SUBMITTED AND RECOMMENDATIONS SENT IN BELGRADE 5847.

4.3-1: EMBASSY WILL RESTRUCTURE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION WHEN GRADES AND QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS ASSIGNED ALLOWS. UNDERSTAND THIS WILL NOT HAPPEN UNTIL 1979. IN THE MEANTIME, WE ARE ASSURING THAT THE COMMERCIAL ATTACHE HAS ADEQUATE AUTHORITY AND RECOGNITION.

4.3-3: POSITION HAS NOT BEEN FILLED PENDING ARRIVAL OF NEW ECONOMIC COUNSELOR WHO WILL FURTHER REVIEW STAFFING NEEDS.

5.3-1: EMBASSY DISAGREED AND SET FORTH REASONS IN BELGRADE 5847.

5.3-2: SEE REFTEL (B).

5.3-3: A DESIGN FOR INSTALLATION OF WORK COUNTER AND RELATED SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO FBO FOR APPROVAL.

5.3-4: NEW WORK FLOW PROCEDURE BASED ON WORK COUNTER CALLS
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FOR INCREASED ROLE FOR THE RECEPTIONIST. POSITION WILL BE RECLASSIFIED.

7.3A-1: RECOMMENDATION FORWARDED IN REFTEL (B).

7.3B-2: EMBASSY CONCURS AND HAS DELAYED ENROLLING NEW LOCAL EMPLOYEES INTO CSR PENDING NEW WAGE SURVEY.

7.3B-3: EMBASSY IS ENDEAVORING TO DEVISE SCHEME FOR NEW WAGE SCALE IN SOCIETY WHICH WILL NOT RELEASE WAGE DATA SO THAT

FUTURE WAGE SCALES WILL BE TIMELY AND RATIONAL.

7.3D-1: MOVE OF TELEX FROM CODE ROOM TO THE MAIL ROOM OR ELSEWHERE IS STILL UNDER STUDY BY EMBASSY.

7.3D-2: WITH THE ARRIVAL OF A NEW C&R SUPERVISOR, EMBASSY IS PROCEEDING TO REDUCE CLASSIFIED HOLDINGS.

7.3D-3: EMBASSY HAS BEEN ABLE TO REDUCE NUMBER OF COPIES OF TELEGRAMS NEEDED FOR DISTRIBUTION EXCEPT WHERE THIS WOULD INTERFERE WITH ADEQUATE INTERNAL COMMUNICATION.

7.3F-1: EMBASSY REPROGRAMMED POST FUNDS AND ENTRANCE TO MEDIACL UNIT HAS BEEN RELOCATED.

7.3H-1: SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE MET AND DETERMINED ENOUGH THREAT EXISTS TO JUSTIFY IMPROVED SECURITY. PLANS NOW IN CLEARANCE PROCESS.

8.3-1: EMBASSY HAS TAKEN STEPS TO TIGHTEN CONTROL PROCEDURES FOR PREPARATION OF OERS.

10.3-1: JOINT EMBASSY AND USIS REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES NOW IN PROCESS. PROCEDURES FOR COORDINATION ARE IN PREPARATION.

10.3-2: MAJOR STEPS HAVE ALREADY BEEN TAKEN INCLUDING VISIT BY ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY, AND THREE HIGH-LEVEL VISITS TO U.S. BY YUGOSLAV MILITARY OFFICIALS SCHEDULED OR PROPOSED.

11.3A-1: AUDIT OF RECREATION ASSOCIATION HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND REPORT RECEIVED.

11.3A-2: EMBASSY AND AEERA HAVE REVIEWED THE STATUS OF ALL MEMBERS AS TO THEIR "DUTY-FREE" ENTITLEMENT, REQUIRING THAT EACH CERTIFY ENTITLEMENT.

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11.3B-1: ALL DISBURSEMENTS TO INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF BELGRADE NOW MADE ON REIMBURSEMENT BASIS WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION.

12.3-1: EMBASSY HAS EXPLORED FEASIBILITY OF SHIFTING ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES TO ADMINISTRATION SECTION AND HAS CONCLUDED THAT SUCH DUTIES ARE MAJOR PART OF FSLE SECRETARY'S JOB AND FIT WELL WITHIN HER CAPACITY. NO SIMILAR CAPACITY EXISTS WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION AT PRESENT STRENGTHS.

12.3-2: EMBASSY AGREES WITH INSPECTORS THAT ABILITY TO SPEAK SERBO-CROATIAN WOULD BE BENEFICIAL, BUT DOES NOT OVERRIDE BASIC SCIENTIFIC CREDENTIALS. SINCE THESE OFTEN REQUIRE APPOINTMENT OR ASSIGNMENT OF SPECIALIST LACKING LANGUAGE FACILITY, WHO MAY BE ONE-TOUR APPOINTEE, IT MAY BE IMPRACTICAL TO REQUIRE LANGUAGE COMPETENCE. IN ANY EVENT, WE DO NOT CONSIDER LANGUAGE CAPABILITY ESSENTIAL.

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